that exchange.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Radial distances of village Gajrajbigha are as under:—

Gajrajbigha—Dumarawan : 3 kms approx.
Gajrajbigha—Nalanda : 6 kms approx.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (c) & (d) above.

Telephone Connections in Mirchaiganj in Nalanda

2572. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the villages particularly those on the nothern side which come under the local area of Nalanda Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mirchaiganj also comes under Nalanda Exchange;

(c) the total number of telephone connections in Mirchaiganj; and

(d) the actual distance of the above village from Nalanda?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The names of villages on the Northern side which come under the local area of Nalanda Telephone Exchange are Sarichak, Mohanpur, Begampur, Nirmal Bigha, Nathulichak and Kapelsari.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Only one.

(d) The actual distance of Mirchaiganj from Nalanda telephone Exchange is 6.4 kms.

Cost of laying Telephone Line from Dumarawan to Gajrajbigha.

2573. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 424 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1997 and state:

(a) the total estimated cost of laying telephone line from Dumarawan to Gajrajbigha;

(b) whether it is a fact that safety of telephone line or the route is at greater risk of being broken/stolen since the entire stretch is uninhabited and remain deserted for major part of the year;

(c) if so, the justification of putting the above village under Dumarawan Telephone Exchange which is otherwise off the route whereas Nalanda Exchange is enroute;

(d) whether it is also a fact that satisfactory incoming and outgoing calls services cannot be had from Dumarawan Exchange as it does not have STD facility; and

(e) if so, the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The total estimated cost of overhead alignment with single pair of ironwire is Rs. 70,000. and the cost of 20 pair 6.5 PIJF underground cable is about Rs. 2,20,000.

(b) Overhead lines and underground cables are occasionally interrupted due to theft and other man made reasons.

(c) Gajrajbigha village falls under the local area of Dumarawan telephone exchange as the distance between Dumarawan and Gajrajbigha is 3 kms only.

(d) No, Sir. Dumarawan exchange has STD facility.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Capacity of Dumarawan Telephone Exchange

2574. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Dumarawan Telephone Exchange was set up;

(b) the total installed capacity thereof;